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Price, \$2 PER MONTH.

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,
(Established A.D. 1841.)

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

Wholesale and Retail Druggists.
ANALYTICAL,
FAMILY, DISPENSING AND
GENERAL CHEMISTS.
PATENT MEDICINE PROPRIETORS.
SEEDSMEN.
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.
MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED
WATERS.
By SYDNEY McKENNEY,
CIGAR IMPORTERS, &c., &c.

In submitting an abridged Synopsis of a few
of the chief lines of goods included in our business,
we beg to state that we import Drugs,
Chemicals, and Goods of every kind of the best
description only—no other quality is kept in stock.

Our long experience and intimate acquaintance
with the Trade, and the best sources of
supply, enable us to purchase direct from the
Producers on the very best terms, and thus give
us an advantage which enables us to offer our
customers the benefit of a considerable reduction
in the price of all our Specialties as compared
with similar articles sold elsewhere.

We wish it to be clearly understood that our
prices cannot be beaten by any other firm
in the Colony; and we trust it will soon be
generally known that, quality for quality,
our charges are roundly and favourably
with local rates, and in most instances with
those ruling at home.

Experienced qualified English Assistants
are employed in the preparation and
dispensing of Medicines.

Analysis of all kinds.—We are in a position
to well attend to the interests of our Clients.

FAMILY & DOMESTIC MEDICINES,
AND OTHER GOODS AND APPLIANCES
KEPT IN STOCK.

NURSERY AND INVALIDS'
REQUISITES.

Infants' Feeding Bottles, Dishes, Brushes
and Teas, Food Warmers, Lamps, and
Night Light.

Infants' Feeding Cups and Tubes.
Breast Relievers, Nipple Shields, Violet
Powder, Puff Boxes, and Puffs.

Infants' Food of all kinds.
Infants' Essence of Beef, Mutton, Chicken,
Veal, &c.

LEBRO'S Extract of Beef.
VALENTINE'S Meat Juices.
Condensed Milk, Corn Flour, Bermuda
Arrowroot, Russian Lingling, Prepared
Gruels, Genuine Mustard, &c.

MEDICAL AND DOMESTIC
APPLIANCES, &c.

Belts, Metal and Earthenware
Joints, Disinfectants and Medicaments,
Toilet Papers, Fragrant Powders, Vapo-
rizers, &c., &c.

SOUTHERN'S Sanitary Towels for Ladies'
Use.

Bar and Enema Syringes, Bougies, Catheters,
Pessaries, Trusses, Elastic Silk
Stockings, Knives, Caps, Anklets, Wrist-
lets, and Bandages of all kinds.

Urinals, Male or Female, in Glass,
Earthenware, and India Rubber.
Water-proof Sheeting.

Tea Bags for Head and Spine.
Bronchitis Kettles, Tea Bottles,
Chest and Lung Protection.

Adhesive Plaster, Court Plaster,
Corn and Bunion Plaster.

Lint, Oiled Silk, Gutta Serena Tissue,
Japanese Hot Boxes, Air Cushions,
Mustard Leaves, Sponges, Pillows.

Lined Mats for Poultries, Poultries
Bugs, &c., &c.

Minim Measures, Medicine Glasses and
Spectacles, Champagne and Soda Water Taps,
Scoliocenes, &c.

Eye Baths, Droppers and Douches,
Throat Sprays, Inhalers and Inhalations,
Stethoscopes, Hypodermic Syringes.

THERMOMETERS, &c.
Chemical, Clinical, and Bath Thermometers.

Bar's Minimum and Maximum Thermometers,
Alcoholometers, Barometers,
Galvanometers, Hydrometers, Lactometers,
Ureometers, Specific Gravity Bottles,
Viscometers, Test Tubes, Test Papers, &c., &c.

SUN SPECTACLES AND GOGGLES
with Blue, Green, and Smoked Glasses, Eye
Preservers and Shades of all kinds.

DENTAL AND SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS.
For Corsets, and Trussing, Conversion
Tubes, Corn Knives and Rubbers,
Camel Hair Pencils, Ligature Catgut, Silver
Wire, Practitioners' Knives and Scissors,
Pocket Dressing Cases and Instruments,
Probing, Respirators, Dispensing Scales
and Weights.

MEDICINE CHESTS.
Medicine Chests for family and travellers' use.

Ships' Medicine Chests fitted in accordance
with the regulations of the Board of
Trade.

Medicine Chests refitted complete at a
few hours' notice.

Medicine Chest Guides containing a list
of useful Domestic Medicines with their
Properties and Doses.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.
Magneto-Electric Machines for the Cure
of Nervous Disorders, Neuralgia, Rheumatism,
&c.

Electric Hair Brushes for preventing
baldness.

Electrostatic Bells for Dyspepsia, Rheumatism,
Lumbago, &c.

Electric Bell, Batteries, Pumps, Indicators,
Wire, and appliances generally.

Intimations.

TOILET REQUISITES.
JOSEPH ROSS & Sons' "SHREVEFIELD"
Razors, Safety Razors, and Penknives.
Mazur Strops, Paste, and Paper.
Ear, Tooth, and Nail Picks and Trimmers.

Hand Mirrors, Toilet Sets.
Smelling Bottles of all kinds.
Gloves, and Patent Drying Bottles.
Dressing Combs.
Hair, Tooth, Nail, Bath, and Shaving
Brushes in great variety.
Cosmetics, Hair Lotions and Soaps.
Turkish Bath Cloves, and Straps, Locofa,
Fino Turkey Cup and Honey Comb.
Bath and Toilet Sponges of all sizes.
Fino English Cut-glass Toilet Bottles and
Perfume Spray Diffusers. An Elegant
Assortment of various designs.

CHOICE PERFUMERY.
English, French, and American.
A large selection of all kinds kept in
stock to choose from.

SOAPS.
Family, Toilet, Medicated, and Trans-
parent.

In addition to those of our own make, all
of which we can confidently recommend,
we keep a large and varied assortment of
the following well-known makes, viz.:—
Atkinson's, Calvert's, Colgate's, Hend-
rie's, Lubin's, Pear's, &c., &c.

GENUINE PATENT MEDICINES.
European and American. Patent Medi-
cines, Specialities, and Proprietary Remedies,
imported direct from the Original
Makers or their appointed Agents.

Special Agents for Burroughs, Wellcome
& Co.'s New and Popular Remedies.
Kopler's Extract of Malt.—Ditto with Cod
Liver Oil. Wyeth's Tablets.—and Preparations
of all kinds.

Ward's Digestive Peptonoids, Zymine,
&c., &c.

Sole Agents for Scott's Emulsion of Cod
Liver Oil.

MINERAL WATERS OF ALL KINDS.
Apollinaris, Carlsbad, Seltzer, Friedrichs-
hall, Hunyadi, Hungary, Pulna, Vals,
Vichy, &c.

We import direct shipments of all the
above regularly at short intervals.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS.
Photographic Apparatus, Chemicals, and
Materials of all kinds suitable for Amateurs
and Professionals, including Cameras,
Lenses, Belts, Trays, Lamp, Mounts, &c.

Our Cameras and Lenses are of Ex-
ceptional quality, specially made for use
in tropical climates and fitted with all the
latest improvements.

CHEAPNESS OF APPARATUS FOR AMATEURS.
All Travellers. Three sizes, viz.:—1, 2, 3,
and whole plate. Complete in strong Wood
Cabinets.

PHOTO CHEMICALS AND SUPPLIES of all
kinds at Moderate Prices.

Albumenized and Sensitized Papers.
Chemical Colours and Iodine, &c., &c.

DRY PLATES—Thomas', Hford, and West-
on's. The plates are kept in stock.
Price list of Photo. goods supplied gratis
and post free on application.

FLOWER & VEGETABLE SEEDS.
We import the newest and best varieties
obtainable every season direct from the best
growers in England, France, and Germany.
Full Catalogue and price list (with "Hints
for Gardening") to be had on application.

AERATED WATERS.
Our Factory has been recently refitted
with automatic Steam Machinery of the
latest and most approved kind, and we are
able to compete in quality with the best
English Manufacturers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and
the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised
in the manufacture throughout.

Four Coast Ports—Waters are packed
and placed on board ship at Hongkong
prices, and the full amount allowed for
Packages & Expenses when received in good
order.

Analytical Reports and full particulars
to be had on application.

WINE AND SPIRITS.
We import the newest and best landed
Brands, all of which are of excellent quality
and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our
London House, and bought direct from
the most noted Shippers, are imported
in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus
enabling us to supply the best goods at
moderate prices.

Price list to be had on application.

MANILA CIGARS AND CIGARETTES.
A carefully-selected and well-matured
stock of most of the best makes and our
own special Brands always on hand.

We can deliver boxes of 500 or more to
any address in England, duty and all ex-
penses paid.

CIGARETTES.
We import direct shipments of the following
favourite Brands regularly at short inter-
vals.

Sweet Caporal, Richmond Gem, and Old
Judge.

TOBACCO.
IN TINS AND PACKETS.
Pipes, Cigar and Cigarette Tubes, Cigar
and Cigarette Cases, Pouches, Cigarette
Machines, and a varied assortment of
Smokers' Requisites.

GOODS FOR COAST PORTS.
Whenever practically, are despatched by
first steamer leaving after receipt of order.
Most articles can now be sent by the local
Parcel Post. All retail orders of the value
of five dollars and upwards are sent freight
or postage paid.

Orders through Local Post or by Tele-
gram receive prompt attention.

Addressed Envelopes, Order Forms, and
Aerated Water Counterfoils supplied free
on application.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

BRANCH ESTABLISHMENTS.
A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited.

THE SHANGHAI PHARMACY, SHANGHAI.
24, Nankin Road.

BOTICA ICAZA, MAXILA, ESCOBAR, 14.
The Cayman Dispensary, CAYMAN.

THE DISPENSARY, FOCHOW.
The Dispensary, HANKOW.

THE DISPENSARY, TIENTSIN.
LONDON OFFICE,
109, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

Intimations.

**THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.**
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EX-
TRAORDINARY MEETING will be held at the
City Hall, Hongkong, on THURSDAY,
the 18th day of January, 1890, at Twelve o'clock Noon, when, in
accordance with the Requirements of Article
96 of the Deed of Settlement of the
Corporation, the Shareholders will be re-
quired to authorize the Directors to accept
an Ordinance passed by the Governor in
Council of Hongkong amending the Hong-
kong and Shanghai Bank Ordinance No.
5 of 1866.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, November 30, 1889. 2276

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

THE CHINA NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS
will be observed at the Office and
the Kowloon Customs' Stations, from the
29th of the 12th Moon to the 8th day of
the 1st Moon, at 11 a.m.; 19th to 29th January
—and during that period all Shipments,
Discharge, and Examination of Cargo will
be suspended.

By Order of the Court of Customs,
F. A. MORGAN,
Commissioner of Customs,
for Kowloon and District.

Kowloon, 14th January, 1890. 92

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

MEMBERS desirous of Entertaining
the Singaporean Visitors at the
CRICKET DINNER to be given at the
CRICKET GROUND, on the 24th Inst., are informed
that Lists for Signatures are lying at the
CRICKET Pavilion and at the Hongkong Club.
Lists will close on Friday, the 17th Inst.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS,
Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, January 14, 1890. 91

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.
NOTICE.

IT is proposed, subject to Confirmation
at the General Meeting to be held
on SATURDAY NEXT, to give CRICKET
DANCE in the CRICKET GROUND, on MONDAY,
the 27th Instant, in honour of the Visitors
from Singapore. In order to enable the
Committee to make provisional arrange-
ments, all members of the Cricket
Club who propose to attend the
Dance are requested to notify the Honorary
Secretary to the Dance Committee at the
Hongkong Club on or before Saturday,
the 18th Instant, and to state the Names
of the Guests (limited to two) whom they
wish to be invited.

Hongkong, January 14, 1890. 97

**THE PEAK HOTEL TRADING
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
NOTICE is hereby given that the
SECOND INSTALLMENT OF \$5
(Five Dollars) per Share, on Call of Ten
Dollars per Share in the above Company,
will fall due on February 15th Next, and is
payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

INTEREST at the Rate of 12 per Annum
will be chargeable on all Calls Unpaid on
due date.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. WHEELEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 14, 1890. 87

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

ON and after FEBRUARY the First next,
the FEES (payable monthly) at VICTORIA
COLLEGE will be as under:—
Class I.....\$30 per annum.
Classes II and III.....24 " "
Other Classes.....12 " "

By Command,
A. LISTER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, January 11, 1890. 79

**THE WEST POINT BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDIN-
ARY MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Company will be held at
the CITY HALL, on THURSDAY, 23rd
January, 1890, at 11.30 a.m., for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the Board
of Directors, together with Statement of
Accounts to 31st December, 1889.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY,
23rd January, 1890, at 11.30 a.m., (both
days inclusive), during which period
no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land
Investment Agency Co., Ltd.,
General Agents for the West Point
Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 7, 1890. 43

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Second
ORDINARY MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Company will be held at
the CITY HALL, on THURSDAY, 23rd
January, 1890, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the
Board of Directors, together with State-
ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1889.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY,
23rd January, 1890, at 12 o'clock Noon,
(both days inclusive), during which period
no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 7, 1890. 49

Business Notices.

LANE CRAWFORD & Co.

FOR SALE.

A New Stock of
"DEMON" TENNIS BATS.

KENSINGTON TENNIS BATS.

THE "PERFECT" TENNIS BALLS.

AYRE'S CHAMPION TENNIS BALLS.

"CAVENDISH" POLES AND NETS.

TAPE TENNIS COURTS.

TENNIS SHIRTS, WAIST SCARVES.

TENNIS SHOES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 8, 1890. 93

ROBERT LANG & Co.,
Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers and Gentlemen's Outfitters.

WE HAVE JUST OPENED OUT OUR
NEW AUTUMN GOODS,

consisting of
A LARGE AND CHOICE SELECTION OF COATINGS for MORNING and EVENING DRESS.
A very Stylish Lot of TWEEDS, New in Design and Material, and a varied
Assortment of TROUSERING in all the Newest Patterns.

QUEEN'S ROAD (opposite HONGKONG HOTEL),
Hongkong, September 14, 1889. 1790

W. POWELL & Co.
HONGKONG RACES—1890.

WE ARE MAKING A SPECIAL SHOW
OF
SILKS, PLUSHES, DRESS MATERIALS AND
MILLINERY,
SUITABLE FOR THE RACES.

AN EARLY CALL WILL OBLIGE.
W. POWELL & Co.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, January 11, 1890. 74

Victoria Hotel,
Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central
and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost
the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government
Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been most en-
larged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well-ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most
comfortable and hygienic manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.
The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.
An ample and varied TABLE D'HOIE is always provided and served in the spacious,
large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard
and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.
Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORAJEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1889. 1612

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE KWONG KWAN YEN CHAL-
LENCE CUPS.—Value \$200 and
\$100 respectively. Also TWO CONSOLA-
TION CUPS, value \$100 each.

THE RIFLE COMPETITION for the 1st
Straw will take place NEXT SATURDAY,
the 18th Instant, at 2.30 p.m., commencing
at 300 Yards.

A Launch will leave the P. & O. Wharf
at 2 p.m., to take over intending competi-
tors.

The Second Stage will be shot-off on
Saturday, the 20th Instant.

A SHELTON HOOPER,
Hon. Secretary,
c/o HONGKONG CLUB.

Hongkong, January 14, 1890. 94

**HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE.
As sufficient Shares have been applied
for to float the above Company, the business
will be taken over (in accordance with
the Prospectus) with effect from the 1st
January next, and the business of the
intending Subscribers the Share List will be
kept open until the 31st Instant.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
ENGLISH-MADE OUTFITTING
GOODS AND DRAPERY, &c., &c.

will be continued on
THURSDAY,
the 18th January, 1890, commencing at 2
p.m., at the Sales Room, Duddell Street,
and will comprise

A VARIETY of Wool Trousers, Cord and
Moleskin Trousers, Etc., Etc.; Suits,
Fancy Wool Shirts, White Flannel
Shirts, White Wool Shirts, Singlets,
Oxford Shirts, Socks, Gaiters, Boots,
Blanchers, Shoes and Felt Hats, Straw
Hats, White Shirts,
Etc., Etc.

Also,
LADY'S PARASOLS, SILK GLOVES, LADY'S
CHEMISES, STOCKINGS, GRASS CLOTH HAND-
KERCHIEFS, SILK 12 DRESSERIES, PLATS
and EXHIBITIONS; LADIES' and CHILDREN'S
BONNETS, HATS, TRIMMINGS, BUTTONS,
LADY'S BOOTS, DRESS MATERIALS, Etc.

And
A QUANTITY OF
HABERDASHERY, CUTLERY, PIPES
AND OTHER GOODS.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.
On Fixed Deposits.

G. R. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 14, 1890. 96

Banks.

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.**

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,600,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,400,000
UNPAID CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.
W. G. BRUCE, Esq. S. C. MICHAELSON, Esq.
T. E. DAVIES, Esq. J. S. MOSE, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. L. P. ROSS, Esq.
Hon. J. J. KESWICK, Esq. D. R. SASSOON, Esq.
Hon. A. P. McEWEN, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.
Hongkong.....G. E. NOBLE, Esq.
Shanghai.....JOHN WALTER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.<

Entertainment.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.
CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME.
**ALI BABA,
AND THE
FORTY THIEVES.**

BY SPECIAL REQUEST
there will be
A PERFORMANCE
of the above Pantomime, on
the 23rd January, at 9 p.m.

Reserved Seats,\$2.
Unreserved Seats,\$1.

Tickets can be obtained at Messrs LANE,
Crawford & Co., on and after Wednesday,
January 15th.
Hongkong, January 10, 1890. 62

To Let.

TO LET.

THE TOP FLOOR OF GIBB, LIVINGSTON
& Co.'s Hong, consisting of Five
SPACIOUS ROOMS and Three BATH-
ROOMS, suitable either as Offices or
Dwelling Apartments.

For terms, apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.
Hongkong, January 14, 1890. 95

TO LET.

ROOMS in 'COLLEGE CHAMBERS.'
No. 10, SEYMOUR TERRACE, from 1st
March.

Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Hongkong, January 14, 1890. 93

TO LET.

FROM 1st FLOOR next, Nos. 53, 55
and 57, PEARL STREET.

Apply to
EDWARD GEORGE.
Hongkong, January 9, 1890. 58

TO LET.

(With Early Possession.)

NORMAN COTTAGE, Peak Road,
11 ROOMS.
Apply to
A. SEITH.
Hongkong, January 10, 1890. 72

TO LET.

2ND FLOOR OF HOUSE, No. 64, and
GROUND FLOOR OF HOUSE No. 68,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Apply to
LAI HING & Co.,
No. 153, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, July 1, 1889. 1267

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 2, 'SMITH'S VILLAGE,'
Magazine Gap, a spacious Five
Roomed House, with Basement and Out-
house. Excellent view.

Apply to
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.,
Hongkong, July 2, 1889. 1284

TO LET.

1ST FLOOR OF HOUSE No. 15, PRAYA
CENTRAL.

Possession from 1st January next.
Apply to
LAI HING & Co.,
No. 153, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, December 30, 1889. 2482

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. OSCAR NOODT has been admitted
a Partner in our Firm on the 1st of
July last.

A. SCHOMBURG & Co.
Hoboken,
Pathto 1, 1889. 8

NOTICE.

I, the Undersigned, have for some years
been carried on Business and have
commonly known as, and under the Name
of, MOSES SOLOMON SILAS, whereas my true
and proper name is—

MOSES SOLOMON SILAS SASSOON.
Now notice is hereby given that on and
from this date I shall discontinue the use
of the name of MOSES SOLOMON SILAS, and
resume the name of MOSES SOLOMON SILAS
SASSOON, and will sign all contracts, docu-
ments, and letters in such name only.

MOSES SOLOMON SILAS,
otherwise
MOSES SOLOMON SILAS SASSOON.
Hongkong, December 25, 1889. 2424

NOTICE.

MR. JOHN MEIER has been admitted
a Partner in our Firm from this
date.

KRUSE & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1890. 6

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP between HOLMES &
PRYNNE, Solicitors, is dissolved by
mutual consent as from the 1st instant, and
the Business will be carried on by the
Undersigned.

HENRY J. HOLMES,
Solicitor.
Hongkong, January 10, 1890. 77

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day commenced Business as
a SHARE & GENERAL BROKER.
J. GRANT.
Marine House,
Hongkong, January 1, 1890. 7



STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship
Pentagon
will leave for the above
place about 24 hours after her arrival with
the next outward English Mail.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, January 15, 1890. 103

Business Notices.

HONGKONG TRADING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.)

A GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

NOW PROCEEDING.

Hongkong, January 14, 1890.

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The Steamship
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Shipping.
Daylight.—Formosa leaves for S'low, &c.
Noon.—Yuenyang leaves for S'low, &c.
4 p.m.—Dumetle leaves for Manila.
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Auctions.
2 p.m.—Auction of English-made Out-
fitting Goods and Drapery, &c., at Mr.
G. R. Lammert's.

Meetings.
Noon.—Extraordinary Meeting of Share-
holders of The Hongkong & Shanghai
Banking Corporation at the City Hall.
8.45 p.m.—Meeting of H.K. Literary
Society at Bank Buildings.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Forerunners Lodge.

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Per Cheong Hye Teng, for Swatow, 100
Chinese.

Per Almora, for Hoihow, 50 Chinese.
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TO PREPARE.
Per Pakham, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.
Per Pakham, for Bangkok, 1 European.
Per Pakham, for Amoy, Messrs L. J.
Malcampo, Aving Yut, Wong Tong Tze,
and 300 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The Japanese steamer Augus reports:
Had fine weather throughout.
The British steamer Glenlyon reports:
Had strong monsoon and rough head sea
throughout.

The British steamer Bengalee reports:
Had strong N.E. winds and high seas,
from Singapore to port.

The British barquentine Waratah reports:
Had fine, calm weather nearly all the way;
only 5 days run from N.W. Cape of Australia
to Timor; no N.W. monsoon, or N.E.
monsoon, except from about 150 miles North
by and W. winds; otherwise head wind.

The British steamer Sin Nansing reports:
From Hongkong to Amoy, strong N.E.
monsoon, with corresponding sea. Amoy
to Manila, fresh N.E. monsoon, first part
overcast; latter part fine weather. Manila
to Amoy, first part fine with light Northerly
wind; W. winds;

THE FINAL IN THE A. CLASS DOUBLE HANDICAP.
Lynn Tonnin between Messrs J. M. Atkinson and E. J. Coxon (two 15) and Messrs G. Stewart and W. H. Wallace (two 15) was played this afternoon on the Cricket Ground. The match, which was for the best of three sets, resulted in an easy victory for Messrs Atkinson and Coxon, who won 2 sets to love. The sets were—6-1; 6-3.

THE P. & O. COMPANY decided to close their Madras office at the end of the year, after which the business of the Company there would be carried on by the agency, Messrs Atkinson and Coxon. The business of the P. & O. Company in Madras will therefore be discontinued at the end of the year.

We hear, says the *Singapore Free Press*, that there is a growing feeling amongst the Chinese of various races in one or two of the Native States that there is a fair field for a local bank of their own. To this they would look to share the profits of good times, and by its means also they would help to tide through the temporary difficulties. Many of them are very anxious to get their money, local resources have been exhausted by investment in the States, and additional supplies are not forthcoming. Thus the whole of the enterprise is a very real one, and they cannot be expected to run easily until the financial of the bank is supplied. The present state of affairs is said to be most serious, and the Chinese New Year in the States is expected to be rather a bad one.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present: His Excellency the Governor, Sir G. William Des Vaux; Hon. A. Lister, Acting Colonial Secretary; Hon. H. E. Woodhouse, Acting Colonial Treasurer; Hon. A. J. Leach, Acting Attorney General; Hon. S. Brown, Secretary General; Hon. W. M. Deane, Captain Superintendent of Police; Hon. P. Ryrie, Hon. Wong Shing, Hon. C. P. Chater, Hon. A. P. MacEwen, and Hon. J. J. Keewick, and Mr. A. S. Mitchell, Innes, Acting Registrar General.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.
The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table two financial minutes, recommending (1) a vote of \$2,187 for roads in Kowloon, (b) a vote of \$2,187 for roads in Kowloon, (b) a vote of \$2,187 for roads in Kowloon, (b) a vote of \$2,187 for roads in Kowloon.

THE WORKING OF THE OBSERVATORY.
Mr. MacEwen—I beg to ask, Sir, when it is intended to appoint a Commission to inquire into the working of the Observatory.

His Excellency—The hon. member has only given me notice of the question, but I have thought fit to waive the notice and to have the question put at once. It has been the intention of the Government for the last three months to appoint a Commission, but there have been difficulties in the way of getting the best possible Commission. There have now been some overtures made to the Hon. W. M. Deane, Captain Superintendent of Police, as Chairman, and Mr. MacEwen, Capt. Ryrie, R.N., as members. The object of the Commission is to inquire as to how the Observatory might be made better to serve the practical purposes for which it was instituted by the Colony.

MR. CHADWICK'S APPOINTMENT ON THE SANITARY BOARD.

The Acting Attorney General—I have to move the first reading of a Bill to amend the Ordinance to appoint an additional member on the Sanitary Board. The object of the Bill is to empower the Government to appoint Mr. Chadwick to be an additional member of the Sanitary Board as constituted by the Public Health Ordinance.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded. His Excellency—Mr. Chadwick has been sent here at my request by the Secretary of State to assist the Colony generally on questions of drainage, to which has been added by the Secretary of State the question of the distribution of the water supply. He will for some time to come superintend these works personally on the spot, and will after his return be the consulting engineer for our works in England, coming out again only occasionally as required. I am inclined to think, however, that the work will necessitate his being here at all events for a considerable time in the first instance. I think his experiences will be exceedingly valuable to us on the Sanitary Board in various matters in which his experience has been great. For that reason I propose to add him to the Sanitary Board during the period of his stay, and this Ordinance has been introduced for this purpose. I do not know if there is anything further to say. I cannot conceive any harm being done by it, and possibly an expectation may turn out to be correct that it will do a great deal of good. Unless there is any objection, as the time is short, I propose to pass the Bill through the various stages to-day, but I shall at once give it if anybody has the smallest feeling on the subject.

The Bill was then read a first time.

The Acting Attorney General moved the suspension of the Standing Orders, which was agreed to. In moving the second reading of the Bill he said it was unnecessary to add anything to what His Excellency had said. They all knew what Mr. Chadwick was; and, if it had not been officially reported, they had it at least from the newspapers that the Sanitary Board think that his presence in their body would be very useful and also necessary.

The Bill passed through all its stages.

THE MISTRESS' EXERCISES.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Ordinance of 1888. The object of the Bill was to define more clearly the powers of the Registrar General in connection with a class of bad houses that had been declared a second time unoccupied or unregistered.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held after the meeting of Council, the Acting Colonial Secretary presiding.

The Chairman—The first vote is a vote of \$2,187, being the balance for roads at Kowloon. Perhaps the Surveyor General will explain.

The Surveyor General—This is a balance left over from last financial year as the work for which it was voted was not completed. It is desirable to carry it on, as the work is now in progress.

The Chairman—The next vote requires a little explanation. It is a vote of \$250 for Mr. Bruce Shepherd, for compiling and printing an index of streets, numbers of houses, and description of leased lands in the city of Victoria. This has long been a great want felt by all persons having to do with landed property. Given a certain lot of land to know what houses are upon it, and given a certain house to know what lot or lots it stands upon, it may seem a simple question but in reality it is not. It necessitates a person leaving his office and going to the Land Office and spending perhaps half an hour rummaging plans and so forth before getting an answer. Four or five years ago in the Surveyor General's office, who undertook to compile a list of the information, and arranged then for an index to be compiled. I had very little idea at the time I gave the direction what a task it was imposing on the gentleman who undertook to print, and the printing would have cost about \$250. He had been working together with Mr. Bruce Shepherd, and that gentleman took the task over. I was quite sure it could not be in better hands. He has worked at it, completed and printed it at his own expense, and the actual cost was about \$250. If my original idea had been carried out and the work had been compiled by the Treasury clerk I should have submitted the manuscript to the Government with a strong recommendation to print, and the printing would have cost about \$250. The sale is extremely limited. I do not think there is a demand for more than 10 or 12 copies. So I recommended that the Government pay the expense, and it is entirely for the benefit of Government offices, beyond a few copies for insurance offices.

Mr. Ryrie—Then he gets nothing for his trouble.

The Chairman—He simply gets refunded.

Mr. Chater—He has a share in the sale of the books.

The Chairman—The books are \$5 each, and are on sale at Messrs Kelly & Walsh, but the demand is very small.

Mr. Chater—They are very useful, I can testify.

The Chairman—The work of compiling must have been tremendous. Very often houses stand on as many as three different lots.

The Surveyor General—Will the Government Offices be supplied with copies gratis?

The Chairman—The Government undertakes to pay the cost, and it understands that when you want copies you have only to ask for them.

Mr. Ryrie—I think that he should get some little remuneration for his trouble. We have no power to increase the vote, but we might recommend an increase.

The Chairman—I am quite willing to transmit the recommendation. At the same time, it is not desirable to encourage the idea that everybody that takes extra trouble will get extra pay. If everybody who works a few hours over and above his regular time sent in an application for extra pay, that would be a state of things that could not be allowed for a moment.

Mr. Ryrie—Extra remuneration is constantly being given.

The Chairman—Where extra trouble is very serious, when leisure time has been taken up for eighteen months or so, the Government will always give remuneration. At the same time a Government servant must hold himself in readiness to put his time at the disposal of the Government. I need not say that the heads of departments get very little leisure time.

Mr. Ryrie—When the work is entirely outside his ordinary business, an official generally gets paid, but when it is within his ordinary duties he does not.

The Chairman—Each case has to be decided on its own merits.

Mr. Ryrie—He has been at an immense amount of trouble. I think we should represent to His Excellency that Mr. Bruce Shepherd got some addition to the actual amount he was out of pocket.

The Chairman—Will you undertake to move that?

Mr. Ryrie—I think you might leave that in the hands of the Government.

The Chairman—I would much rather that you would indicate a sum.

Mr. Ryrie then moved that the committee be empowered to give Mr. Bruce Shepherd another \$250 as personal remuneration for his labour.

Mr. MacEwen seconded and the motion was carried.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT BY A SHROFF.

The case in which Mr. Ho Tung, shroff to Mr. Ho Tim, is charged with the embezzlement of \$2,100, the property of his employer, came before Mr. Robinson in the Police Court to-day on remand.

Mr. Webster appeared for the defendant, and stated that as he understood the complaint had been secured against any loss and as no further evidence would be tendered, he presumed the case would be dismissed. As no loss had been sustained and no evidence was offered, the case, he submitted, could not proceed.

His Worship said some evidence had already been given by the complainant.

Mr. Webster said there was not sufficient evidence to found an indictment on.

His Worship said the complainant had stated that Mr. Bruce Shepherd had embezzled the sum of \$2,100.

Mr. Webster contended that the specific items should be set out.

His Worship replied that the complainant perhaps would be prepared now to state what the specific items were. He then asked Mr. Ho Tim to go into the witness-box.

Mr. Ho Tim said the complainant's services (who secured him for \$1,000) had already refunded \$500, and they had undertaken to pay a further sum of \$500 in a year or two.

His Worship—I must trouble you for the evidence on which you charge this man. You have charged him with embezzling money belonging to you, and I now ask you to substantiate the allegation you have made.

Mr. Ho Tim produced an account rendered by the defendant himself, and said the prisoner had admitted having collected the sum of \$2,100 and used it for his own purpose.

Examined by Mr. Webster, the complainant stated that defendant had always rendered proper and accurate accounts of all payments and disbursements when called upon. He (complainant) was

unable to point to any item in the account as one of which the defendant had collected the money and retained it for his own use.

Mr. Webster addressed his Worship at some length, contending that there was no case of embezzlement made out, the only difference between the parties being one of accounting. He quoted two cases in support of his contention, and asked his Worship to discharge the defendant.

His Worship said he was much assisted by the able statement for the defence, but he thought there were two points in which the cases referred to differed from the present case. One was that defendant, when asked for the receipt of a certain number of houses, said that he had not collected them; and the other was that the defendant had admitted misappropriating the money. The case would be adjourned till to-morrow in order that the terms of the house in question might be ascertained, and if the evidence was satisfactory the case would be committed for trial at this month's Criminal Sessions.

A NAVAL OFFICER AND HIS DRINK BILL.

THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE 'CHINA' SYSTEM. In the Supreme Court (Summary Jurisdiction) to-day, before Mr. A. G. W. W. Acting Judge, the Hongkong Hotel Co. v. Lieutenants L. Saywell, R.N., for \$71.80, for drinks and other things supplied.

Mr. Hastings (of Messrs Wotton and Deacon's Office) appeared for the plaintiff, and the defendant, who was not present, was represented by Mr. J. E. Webster.

Mr. O. M. Roberts, manager of the Hongkong Hotel, and in reply to Mr. Hastings, the Hotel Co. supplied the defendant with certain drinks and other things in the course of last year, and the amount due in respect of these goods was \$71.80. The chits produced are defendant's.

Mr. Webster—Do you know the defendant?

Witness—No, I can't say I do.

Mr. Webster—Can you swear you have ever seen him?

Witness—No, I can't.

Mr. Webster—Have you ever supplied him with a single drink?

Witness—Not personally.

Mr. Webster—To your own knowledge do you know if he has ever been supplied with any of these things?

Witness—Well, he signed those chits.

Mr. Webster—Did you see him sign them?

Witness—No.

Mr. Webster—Is any of these chits above the value of forty shillings?

Witness—No, I believe not.

Mr. Webster—Do you know the defendant's handwriting?

Witness—No, I can't swear to his handwriting; I don't know the man.

Mr. Hastings—My Lord, I think I must ask for an adjournment if this matter is going to be seriously contested.

Mr. Webster—I don't think that is at all necessary. Unless the defendant comes here and denies these chits are in his handwriting I am prepared to hold that they are his. The only other point is that which Mr. Webster has raised as to the value of the chits.

Mr. Webster—I hold that there is no proof of the goods having been supplied.

His Lordship—I shall hold these chits as proof unless the defendant denies them.

Mr. Webster—Even if your Lordship assumes that, I don't think they are of any good, there being no chit above the sum of forty shillings.

His Lordship—Well, what is the section of the ordinance you rely on?

Mr. Webster—It is common law, my Lord.

His Lordship—Is there not something in our local ordinance about it?

Mr. Webster—I don't think so.

Ordinance 21 of 1886 was afterwards referred to, section 22 of which is as follows:—

No licensed publican shall maintain any action for recovery of any debt or demand on account of liquors, unless such debt shall have been contracted at one time to the amount of five dollars or upwards, nor shall any item in any account for liquors be allowed where the liquor bona fide delivered at one time shall amount to the full sum of five dollars, nor shall any amount of debt recovered by or for a seaman or soldier in Her Majesty's service for liquors be allowed; provided always that nothing herein contained shall extend to prevent a licensee from keeping an account with lodgers or travellers in which any charge for liquors may be included, and recovering the amount thereof in a Court of Justice.

His Lordship—I don't suppose the defendant can be called a seaman.

Mr. Hastings—My Lord, I think not.

His Lordship—On the other hand, he could hardly be called a traveller.

Mr. Webster—No, my Lord, he is fixed here for a time.

Mr. Hastings—Is this defence being raised this time?

His Lordship—I presume it is.

Mr. Webster—Yes, my Lord; I have made certain offers to them which they have declined.

Mr. Hastings—If Mr. Webster will consent to a judgment he will not be pressed.

Mr. Webster—I can't consent to judgment.

Mr. Hastings—My Lord, the defendant is an officer in Her Majesty's Navy, and I am informed that he holds the rank and position of a gentleman. It has been stated to your Lordship that he has been employed by the Government, and that these receipts are signed by himself, and he has not come here to deny it. Now, my Lord, even if this action was quite untenable and if it was liable to be dismissed with costs, still I am instructed by my clients to say that they consider it their duty to bring this case before the Court to show up this defendant in his true colours in order that the people of Hongkong may be warned—those who are likely to give him credit for goods or for anything else supplied to him—that they may be warned what kind of a man they have to deal with. Therefore, I say that, even although this action was liable to be dismissed with costs, we should still have brought it to give publicity to the case. But if your Lordship will let them go through this case you will see they are not all for drinks supplied. I am prepared to inform you that they include bills for money lent, billiards, and meals, cigars and cigarettes supplied. If your Lordship will ask your clients to go through them you will see that the amount on which we are entitled to judgment in any case is about \$30.

His Lordship—Why can't Mr. Roberts tell us that?

Mr. Hastings—I have been through the chits myself, my Lord, and I am prepared to say that.

His Lordship—Have you taken down the exact details?

Mr. Hastings—Yes, my Lord.

His Lordship—Well, you had better go to the witness-box. I shall certainly help you in every way I can.

Mr. Hastings then went into the witness-box and gave the following evidence—I have looked through the chits which bear the

defendant's name and have extracted those which refer to billiards, money lent, meals, cigars and cigarettes, and I find the total comes to \$29.65. The balance is for drinks.

His Lordship—What do you say, Mr. Webster?

Mr. Webster—I dare say that is correct, my Lord.

Mr. Hastings—My Lord, there is no doubt that with regard to the balance it is open to the defendant to raise this defence, and he has chosen to do so, but it is a question for your Lordship to say whether such a defence is creditable to an officer in Her Majesty's Navy or to a gentleman. Therefore, I shall ask your Lordship, if you are unable to give me judgment for the balance, to give me judgment for the \$29.65, with immediate execution.

Mr. Webster—This defence would never have been raised, my Lord, if the terms of the defendant had been accepted. He was only too anxious to pay this amount and is still willing to do so, but is unable; so he offered terms that were written to the plaintiff's solicitors yesterday and they declined them. He was prepared to give security for the payment of this debt, but instead of accepting that they bring this action simply to rush the matter. The defendant is only too anxious to pay the whole amount, and we simply raise this defence because his offer was not accepted. It is now late in the month of March, and the defendant has every intention of doing so even if your Lordship does not give judgment against him. It is absurd for Mr. Hastings to say the defendant has been asked for the payment of this debt, and he has refused to pay it. As to what Mr. Hastings said about publicity and people not giving the defendant credit, it only shows ignorance on his part. A suggestion, because any person can suggest a particular kind of article such as liquor, and I say again it is simply rushing the matter to bring this action.

Mr. Hastings—With regard to rushing the matter, I need only mention that through the government would not renew the license to navigate the river, a plan was organized whereby the Russian flag of the river was to be traversed under the Russian flag, the river craft being sent down at an appointed season to meet the foreign steamers at the mouth of the river. The so-called port at the river mouth is Golchikha, which was the rendezvous given to Captain Wiggins for his venture this present year in his old wooden steamer *Laborator*. A vessel quite unsuited for the work, but his vessel did not arrive until the 3rd September, while the river expedition reached Karaul, 200 miles above Golchikha, on the 10th. But these 200 miles are just the different part of the voyage as the river to Karaul widens into an arm of the sea with innumerable islands and shoals to confuse the navigator and break up the channel. Moreover it is a perfectly desert region where no help can be found, and is exposed to dangerous storms in the Autumn months. The present mode of navigating the river is a perfectly safe mode of navigating, and through some misunderstanding this had not been previously communicated to Captain Wiggins, or he would not have taken the *Laborator*, which does not much resemble a vessel adapted to the work. But he is not to be blamed for this. He arrived there safely on the 3rd September, while the river expedition reached Karaul, 200 miles above Golchikha, on the 10th. But these 200 miles are just the different part of the voyage as the river to Karaul widens into an arm of the sea with innumerable islands and shoals to confuse the navigator and break up the channel. Moreover it is a perfectly desert region where no help can be found, and is exposed to dangerous storms in the Autumn months. 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